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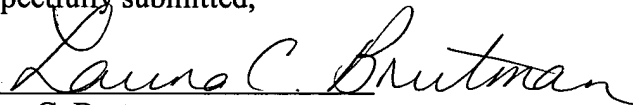
Claims 1-4 are pending, with all claims rejected on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting. More specifically, claims 1 and 3 are rejected on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,915,780 (the '780 Patent), and claims 2 and 4 are rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of the '780 Patent in view of Hattori et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,095,576).

In response, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer, thereby overcoming the double patenting rejections. With no issues remaining, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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